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Employment Generation Policy for NER
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has charted out any Skill Development and Employment Generation Policy for the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the hurdles being faced in its implementation?

Answer

(a) & (b) The Government has launched National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 2015 for skilling at scale with speed, standard and sustainability in the country. The Policy recognizes additional challenges faced by North Eastern states due to inadequate infrastructure, poor investment and low industrial opportunities. The policy emphasizes upon special focus on Skill Development of youth in North-Eastern States.

At present, there are over 40 skill development schemes being implemented by Central Ministries/Department in the country. A number of these schemes are being implemented on pan India basis including North-Eastern States. In addition there are certain skill development schemes like "Capacity Building and Technical Assistance" under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region which are specific to skill development in North Eastern region.

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has "Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)" which is the flagship skill development scheme of the Government. Under PMKVY, till 11.11.2016, around 52,000 persons have been trained and 3600 persons covered under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in North-Eastern States. In addition, the Scheme "Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North-Eastern States and Sikkim" envisages establishment of 22 new ITIs and Upgradation of 48 existing ITIs in 8 North-Eastern States.

The Government has also notified common norms applicable to all Central Skill Development Scheme with effect from 01-04-2016 which provide for additional support like 10% additional base training, post placement support etc. for training in special areas including North-Eastern States.